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FALLS CITY MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Kristopher Rowell, 32, of Falls City, Nebraska, was sentenced on May 3, 2011, to 72 months in prison by United States District Judge Richard G. Kopf, for receiving child pornography. In addition to his prison term, Rowell will serve five years of supervised release following his release from prison. Computer equipment used to receive child pornography was also forfeited to the United States.

On September 18, 2008, an undercover investigator with the Nebraska State Patrol, using peer-to-peer software, located images of child pornography stored in a computer traced to a residence in Falls City, Nebraska. On February 26, 2009, officers of the Nebraska State Patrol executed a search warrant at Rowell's residence in Falls City, Nebraska. During the execution of the search warrant computer equipment belonging to Rowell was found in the basement of the house. The items were seized and forensically examined by the Nebraska State Patrol. During the course of that forensic examination, 69 videos and graphic image files containing child pornography were found on the computer and hard drive.

This case was investigated by the Nebraska State Patrol.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

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